



Operation Good Cheer



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2004 Operation Good Cheer

More than 4,840 children were sponsored in 2004. Operation Good Cheer has never seen a more generous year. Each year thousands of Michigan's children residing in out of home placement turn to Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc., to grant their holiday wishes. With more than 124 donor groups who annually take part, this is truly an amazing volunteer event. We are so grateful to everyone who has assisted in the success of Operation Good Cheer. You can never imagine the profound effect your generosity has on these children.

2004 was an incredible year for Operation Good Cheer. Individuals and Companies from across Michigan came together to provide children from 39 different non-profit agencies with gifts to open on Christmas morning. With 21 new donor groups, Operation Good Cheer was able to help more of Michigan's children this year.

The following companies donated trucks, fuel, and a driver for the gift pick up and delivery. A special thank you goes out to: Chemtrend, 7-Up Bottling Group, Trucks for You, Meijer, Landstar Logistics, Penske Truck Leasing, Professional Movers, Inc., Two Men and a Truck, Ruehles Towing, Ryder, ACC Flint, Lansing Moving, Hollingsworth, Top Flight, Con-Way, United Parcel Service, Innovative Logistics, Swift,

Mason-Dixon, and Select 1 Transport. We are so grateful for your assistance. We would also like to thank Mr. Mike Pipia for his coordination in the arrangement of trucking companies for the gift pick up and delivery. Operation Good Cheer would not be the success it is today without his support.

The Spirit of Good Cheer flight again experienced weather difficulties at certain airports, and cancelled many of our flights. It wouldn't be Michigan without a few weather problems, right! 116 flights were able to complete deliveries across Michigan, some as far as the Upper Peninsula. In addition, six trucking companies picked up gifts at Tradewinds Aviation and transported them to eight participating agencies. Remaining gifts were delivered via truck by our generous volunteers. We are so grateful to all of the pilots and volunteers that assisted in ensuring the children's gifts will be delivered on time.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the airport who donated their time by either helping to sort and load gifts onto planes and trucks, or assisting in the transportation of the gifts. The agencies are so thankful for all that you do.

CFSM, Inc., would also like to thank, Mr. Jerry Drew, Flight Coordinator. We can never express how much we appreciate your continued assistance. The Oakland County International Airport Staff, Air Traffic Controllers, Pontiac Air Center, PAC Staff and Tradewinds Aviation also continue to support the "Spirit of Good Cheer" flight, you are truly appreciated.

Penske Trucks were generous to donate their trucks for picking up gifts at various locations on Friday. The gifts were then sorted and re-loaded onto Penske Trucks and transported to Tradewinds Aviation for delivery to agencies by volunteer trucking companies or loaded onto airplanes on Saturday.

Some extremely generous companies donated items for 2004. DBI Business Interiors donated 50 boxes of labels, which are used for gift designation and tracking. Pentastar Aviation and LL John & Associates, Inc. donated food to our volunteers at the airport on Friday and Saturday. We also had a donation of a pancake breakfast for all of the pilots and volunteers by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) on Saturday.

To all the donors, we deeply appreciate all the gifts provided to Operation Good Cheer and the children we serve.

Each and everyone have become essential to the continued growth and success of Operation Good Cheer.



Thank you!

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